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Summary

After living with nightmares for most of his adult life, Will Graham finds comfort in Hannibal's arms.

Notes

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After the fall, Will Graham finally gets the rest he deserves sleeping in Hannibal’s arms. He no longer has nightmares or night sweats. His curly-haired head perches beneath Hannibal’s chin, and he slowly falls asleep to the steady rhythm of Hannibal’s deep breaths.

A strong arm traces patterns up and down his back, relaxing him. The closeness provides him comfort and grounds him in that moment. Cuddling like this reminds him that he’ll always be cared for so long as he’s by Hannibal’s side.

If the nightmares ever return (they hardly do these days), a familiar, deep, and throaty voice brings him back from the depths of his madness. He no longer sleeps afraid. Will is cared for, he is loved. Most importantly, he is accepted and seen for who he is.

After a nightmare, Hannibal holds him as though he is precious and fragile. But when Will reaches out to him, Hannibal tucks the love of his life under his arm and directs him to his designated spot on his chest. It is here that Will feels most safe.

When Will runs his fingers through the coarse hair on Hannibal’s chest, he feels a deep rumble of satisfaction travel through his lover. It has quickly become his favorite sound. This is also his favorite position, secure in Hannibal's arms.

In the few rare mornings that he wakes before Hannibal, he sees his beloved at peace. Hannibal always falls asleep with a little smile on his lips when he holds Will close throughout the night. Will feels his heart blossom at the sight of Hannibal in this relaxed, happy state.

Will is delighted on those particular mornings because it means he can wake Hannibal up with soft kisses along his collarbones that lead up the left side of his throat where he is most sensitive. When he had found that particular spot, Hannibal had told Will that he didn't even know he liked being kissed.

Will was ecstatic to have discovered something about the man that only he knows.

Intimacy had never come easy to Will. But once he and Hannibal started being honest with one another and how they felt, Will found that loving and being loved was as easy as breathing air.

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